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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

December 2, 1886.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox, Supt. U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

In compliance with your invitation of yesterday to submit proposals for converting into 5 cent coin blanchets that part of the nickel coin material in your possession which was not derived from the melting of old coins, I now offer to take all of that material, adding to it at the cost of the Mint enough copper to bring the whole to the coin standard of one fourth nickel three fourths copper, and returning to the Mint coin blanchets aggregating 99 per cent of the weight of materials so taken; the Mint to pay me twenty five cents per pound for coin blanchets so returned to it. The conversion and return of blanchets to be effected as rapidly as possible, the first delivery of blanchets to be made within eight working days from the first delivery of material to me, and thereafter not less than 5 000 lbs. of blanchets to be furnished in each week

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The planchets to be similar in workmanship and finish to samples which the Mint will supply, and to comply with the legal standard of weight and fineness within 3 grains tolerance per piece in weight and within ~~three fourths of~~ one per cent in fineness Settlements to be made weekly if convenient

The quantities of material in question are estimated as about

	Nickel	Copper
17.000 lbs. cube nickel of 97% containing say	16.500 lbs.	
12500 " clippings of coin metal " "	3125 "	9375
1500 " experimental ingots of 33⅓% " "	500	1000
Total weights of metals	20.125	10.375

The entire quantity of copper needed to convert into planchets this 20125 lbs. of nickel is, without allowance for waste, 60.375 lbs. of which 10.375 lbs. is in your hands as above stated leaving about 50.000 lbs to be purchased; this I strongly recommend should be such Lake copper as I may select and which I would supply to the Mint at cost not exceeding 12½ cents per pound Yours truly Joseph Wharton

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Communications
relating to the "conversion
into planchets of the
Cuba Nickel & the
Clippings only."

No. of Enclosures,

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I expect to make the planchets far within the limits of tolerance named in my letter — probably accurate within one half of one per cent in fineness and within one half grain in weight

Also I ~~expect~~ hope to supply the planchets at the rate of 10.000 cls per week or thereabout

But the limits named in the proposition, being within the legal limits of tolerance, are named to avoid unnecessary detention of work such as would arise in case by any accident planchets not quite up to my intention of accuracy should at any time be furnished I consider it important that I should be allowed to choose copper suitable for this particular purpose for

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[Abstract:] Communication relating to the "conversion into planchets of the cube nickel & the clippings only".

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The planchets to be similar in workmanship and finish to samples which the Mint will supply, and to comply with the legal standard of weight and fineness within 3 grains tolerance per piece in weight and within one per cent in fineness. Settlements to be made weekly if convenient.

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17,000 lbs. cube nickel of 97 oz. containing say Nickel	16,500 lbs.	
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Yours Truly
Joseph Wharton

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[Enclosed note:]

I expect to make the planchets far within the limits of tolerance named in my letter – probably accurate within one half of one per cent in fineness and within one half grain in weight.

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J.W.